

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claim listing will replace all prior claim listings.

1. *(Currently Amended)* A clamping tool for ~~of~~ chain ends of an accessory to be interlocked with each other having in which a holder provided at one end of a chain portion of the accessory and is engaged with a holder receiver engageable with the holder provided at the other end of the chain portion, the holder and the holder receiver interrockable with each other ~~to be interlocked with each other~~, wherein

the holder and the holder receiver together comprising a pair of magnetically ~~are respectively provided as~~ attracting members, both members having with magnets attracting each other or one member having with a magnet and the other member having a metal material attracted by the magnet, the magnets or the magnet and the metal material fixed at positions ~~capable~~ of guiding the holder and the holder receiver to a proper engaging location, and further wherein the holder is a spring-closing alligator clip having a pair of rotably-connected jaw members, each having handle portions at rear ends thereof, rotatable between closed and open positions, wherein the rotably connected jaw members are spring-biased to the closed position and rotateable to the open position by force applied to their handle portions so as to overcome the spring-biasing, and the holder receiver is an interlocking member positionable between

the pair of jaw members of the holder and interlocked therewith when the pair of jaw members are in the closed position.

2.- 6. (*Canceled*)

7. (*Currently Amended*) The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1, wherein the accessory is a necklace, a bracelet or an anklet.

8. (*Currently Amended*) The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1, wherein the chain portion is a member formed from a chain, a string, a belt, yarn or a comparatively small number of stick-shaped bodies unfixedly connected.

9. (*Currently Amended*) The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 8, wherein the chain portion is formed from metal, an inorganic material selected from silicic materials including at least precious stone, a vegetable material, or a resin material.

10. (*Currently Amended*) The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1, wherein the holder and the holder receiver form a mechanism that engagement of the holder and the holder receiver enables

interlock of the clamping tool to be achieved while releasing the engagement allows the clamping tool to be released.

11. *(Cancelled)*

12. *(Currently Amended)* The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1 ~~[[11]]~~, wherein the alligator clip is a nonintersecting alligator clip having the pair of jaw members rotatably held substantially in parallel.

13. *(Cancelled)*

14. *(Currently Amended)* The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1 ~~[[11]]~~, wherein one attracting member is provided in the alligator clip and the other attracting member is provided at a tip of the interlocking member.

15. *(Currently Amended)* The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1 ~~[[11]]~~, wherein an attracting member provided in the alligator clip is fixed to any one of the pair of jaw members or a holding member

for holding the attracting member is held on a holding shaft for rotatably holding the pair of jaw members.

16. *(Currently Amended)* The clamping tool ~~of~~ for chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1 ~~[[11]]~~, wherein an attracting member provided in the alligator clip or a holding member for holding the attracting member is connected to the pair of jaw members by means of a linking arm to form a link mechanism in which the attracting member operates to project from an opening in opening the pair of jaw members.

17. *(Cancelled)*

18. *(New)* A clamping tool for interlocking chain ends of an accessory having a chain portion that has two chain ends, the tool comprising:

at one chain end of the chain portion, a holder that is a spring-closing alligator clip comprised of two intersecting jaw members having handle portions and rotatably connected at a holding shaft, the rotatable jaw members being rotatable about the holding shaft between open and closed positions and spring-biased to the open position; and, at the other chain end, a holder receiver, positionable between the intersecting jaw members of the holder and interlocking with the holder when the intersecting jaw members of the holder are in the closed position,

wherein the holder and the holder receiver, together, comprise a pair of magnetically attracting members wherein either, both of the pair of magnetically attracting members comprise magnetic material, or one member of the pair of magnetically attracting members comprises magnetic material and the other comprises material attracted by magnetic material.

19. (New) A clamping tool for an accessory having a chain portion having two chain ends, the clamping tool comprising: a spring-closing alligator clip-type holder, the holder comprising

two jaw members, rotatable between open and closed positions, rotably connected at a holding shaft to a holding member having front and rear portions; two linking arms, each arm pivotably fixed at one of its ends to the holding member at an arm shaft and, at the other of their ends, each linking arm contacting a different one of the jaw members, forming a linking mechanism, wherein the arm shaft is located between the holding shaft and the rear portion of the holding member; the holder further comprising, at the front portion of the holding member, an attracting member comprised of magnetic material; the clamping tool further comprising, at the other chain end,

a holder receiver, at least a portion of which is comprised of magnetic material or material attracted by a magnet, the holder receiver positionable between the pair of jaw members of the holder and interlocking therewith when the jaw members are in the closed position, and wherein

the linking arms of the linking mechanism operate in spring-like fashion to bias the jaw members in the closed position, and further wherein

the attracting member on the holding member protrudes from the holder when the jaw members are rotated to the open position.